



WEEKLY REPORT

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Weekly Report is published by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Legislative Affairs Division. During the Legislative Session, we provide a summary of legislation that pertains to the Department. If there are issues you would like to address, please let us know. Send an email to: aguiles@azgfd.gov

AGFD Legislation NEWS:

- The Legislature convenes next week (January 14, 2008).
- **The Commission may be supporting 4 important pieces of legislation**
 - Game and Fish Omnibus – technical and clarifying changes, guide license changes
 - Off-Highway vehicle management – provide a framework for meaningful off-highway vehicle management in Arizona
 - OUI – bring parity to OUI and DUI laws
 - Retail Sales – allow the Department to sell items at shooting ranges (eye, ear protection, etc)

POSTED CALENDARS AND COMMITTEE HEARINGS

✉ House Natural Resources & Public Safety [Live Video](#)

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Wednesday 01/16/08 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 1

H2067: GAME AND FISH; GUIDE LICENSES

H2068: GAME AND FISH; PRIVATE ENTERPRISE; FUND

Bills will be heard pending committee assignment.

Chairman Jerry Weiers

Vice Chairman Burges

GOP Barnes, Biggs, Kavanagh, Nelson

Dem McGuire, Pancrazi, Sinema, Ulmer

Quick Reference
AGFD Related Legislation
 (For Period Ending Friday January 11, 2008)

STATUS OF BILLS AFFECTING THE DEPARTMENT

Support

H2067: GAME AND FISH; GUIDE LICENSES	The penalties the Department of Game and Fish may imposed upon a licensed guide are statutorily prescribed.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	Hearing: House Natural Resources & Public Safety (Wednesday 01/16/08 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 1)
H2068: GAME AND FISH; PRIVATE ENTERPRISE; FUND	Establishes the Youth and Women's Shooting Sports Fund, which consists of 50% of the net profits from the sale of goods or services (not firearms) at shooting ranges owned by the Game and Fish Commission. The fund is to be administered by the Commission to be used to encourage youth and women to participate in shooting sports.	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers	Hearing: House Natural Resources & Public Safety (Wednesday 01/16/08 at 9:00 AM, House Rm. 1)
S1080: OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE; WATERCRAFT	Makes numerous changes to statutes regarding operating a watercraft while intoxicated, including making a convicted person ineligible for work/school release or home detention, increasing civil penalties for refusing to submit to breath or blood alcohol testing (from \$1,250 to \$4,000) and increasing additional assessments. The time period within which a second offense may trigger enhanced punishment is lengthened to 84 months from 60 months and include convictions from out-of-state jurisdictions. Also corrects several apparently incorrect statutory references in sections of law pertaining to boating while intoxicated.	First sponsor: Sen. Linda Gray Others: Rep. Groe, Rep. Pearce, Rep. Jim Weiers, Sen. Huppenthal, Sen. O'Halleran, Sen. Verschoor	

Oppose

None at this time

Monitor

H2010: LEGISLATURE; BILL	Legislators may not introduce more than 10 bills in any session of the Legislature. Exemptions are	First sponsor: Rep. Chad		
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LIMITATION	provided for memorials, resolutions, the general appropriations bill, budget ORBs, and bills relating to state agency reviews and continuations. Permission to exceed the 10-bill limit may be granted for "emergency introduction" purposes only by a two-thirds vote of the chamber.	Campbell Others: Rep. Crandall, Rep. Desimone, Rep. Farley, Rep. Chabin		
H2011: VICIOUS ANIMALS; ATTACKS	Expands the applicability of the current vicious dog statute to include attacks on domestic animals, and increases a second violation from a class 1 (highest) misdemeanor to a class 6 (lowest) felony. Requires that a person convicted of a violation of this statute must have a microchip placed in each dog or vicious animal owned by every resident of his/her home, as well as have each dog or vicious animal spayed or neutered.	First sponsor: Rep. Lujan		
H2024: MEGAN EVANS' LAW	All new and used motorized watercraft sold in the state shall display carbon monoxide warning stickers, and a carbon monoxide brochure shall be provided to new owners of a new or used motorized watercraft. While the engine of a motorized watercraft is in operations, a person shall not do any of the following behind the craft: 1) occupy the swim platform, ladder or step; 2) swim near the craft's exhaust ports; 3) Hang on the craft's swim platform, ladder or step if the craft is in motion; or 4) Body surf in the wake of the craft. This act is to be called Megan Evans' Law (named for a 7-year old girl from Flagstaff who died at Lake Powell from carbon monoxide poisoning in July 2007). Emergency clause.	First sponsor: Rep. Tom Others: Rep. Bradley, Rep. McGuire, Rep. Miranda, Rep. Tobin, Rep. Chabin		
H2042: DOA; ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARDS	The Department of Administration shall adopt and publish energy and conservation standards to be used by the state in construction of new capital projects. These standards shall be available as a model to all political subdivisions of the state.	First sponsor: Rep. Robson		
H2069: GAME AND FISH COMMISSION; BISON	The language authorizing the Game and Fish Commission to purchase, sell, barter or donate bison or bison meat is changed from "buffalo" to "bison."	First sponsor: Rep. Jerry Weiers		
S1004: EXTREME DUI; JAIL	Parts of last year's S1252 (Laws 2007, Chapter 195, Sec 3) dealing with extreme DUI are repealed and replaced with language specifying that for a first offense DUI with a BAC of at least 0.15, a judge may order the defendant to not consume alcohol for a period of at least 30 days. For a second extreme DUI offense within 84 months, a judge may order a defendant to not consume alcohol for a period of 90 days. In either case, the court may extend the period of enforced abstinence from alcohol. [Last year's law permitted a sentence of 90-day enforced abstinence as a court-ordered option only for a first offense extreme DUI with BAC of 0.20 or more.]	First sponsor: Sen. Waring	Hearing: Senate Public Safety & Human Services (Thursday 01/17/08 at 9:00 AM, Senate Rm. 3)	
S1005: DUI; HOME DETENTION; INELIGIBILITY	A person convicted of a DUI offense involving motor vehicles or watercraft is ineligible for home detention. Provisions governing home detention programs authorized by municipalities and counties for persons	First sponsor: Sen. Waring		

	convicted of DUI offenses are deleted.			
S1006: PROFESSIONAL LICENSE EXTENSIONS; MILITARY MEMBERS	A professional license, certificate or registration issued to any member of the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves shall not expire while the member is serving on federal active duty and shall be extended for 180 days after the member returns from active duty. No additional costs, late fees or delinquency fees are charged to members renewing their license, certificate or registration during the 180 period after returning from active duty. To qualify for a renewal extension after the 180 day period, the member must present to the licensing authority a copy of their official military orders or a written verification from their commanding officer.	First sponsor: Sen. Waring	Hearing: Senate Government (Monday 01/14/08 at 3:30 PM, Senate Rm. 3)	
S1014: GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATIONS; SENATE CONFIRMATION PROCESS	The statute specifying the procedures by which the Senate confirms gubernatorial appointments is changed to remove the differences between appointments made during legislative session and those made during the interim. Clarifies that the one year period longer than which an appointee may not serve without Senate confirmation applies to cases where the governor nominates an incumbent to the same office. Emergency clause.	First sponsor: Sen. Chuck Gray	Hearing: Senate Judiciary (Monday 01/14/08 at 3:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)	
S1017: FIREARMS; PEACE OFFICERS	Minor, apparently clarifying, changes in the law that protects a peace officer's right to carry a firearm as long as the officer is in compliance with requirements of the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board.	First sponsor: Sen. Chuck Gray	Hearing: Senate Judiciary (Monday 01/14/08 at 3:00 PM, Senate Rm. 1)	
S1061: ELECTED OFFICIALS; PRINT; VISUAL MEDIA	Unless otherwise permitted by law, public funds may not be used for print, visual, broadcast, or website medium announcements or similar type of general public communication that refers to any elected official or any employee of the elected official.	First sponsor: Sen. Waring		

Personnel

H2033: STATE EMPLOYEES; RIGHT TO REPRESENTATION	With limited exceptions, a state employee is entitled to have a representative present during an interview by an employer that may result in the employee being dismissed, demoted or suspended. The representative shall participate as an observer only and shall not be an attorney unless requested by the employee.	First sponsor: Rep. Thrasher Others: Rep. Chad Campbell, Rep. McClure, Rep. Schapira, Rep. Sinema, Rep. Ulmer, Sen. O'Halleran, Rep. Chabin		
H2034: STATE AGENCIES; EMPLOYEES; ORGANIZATIONAL RIGHTS	All state employees below a certain grade (formerly, only employees of the Department of Public Safety) may organize and join unions.	First sponsor: Rep. Thrasher Others: Rep. Chad Campbell, Rep. McClure, Rep. McGuire, Rep. Pancrazi, Rep.		

		Schapira, Rep. Sinema, Rep. Ulmer, Rep. Chabin		
H2053: RETIREMENT; PSPRS; MEDICAL PERSONNEL; SERVICE DEFINITION	The list of positions eligible to participate in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System is expanded to include paramedics and emergency medical technicians who are employed by government entities.	First sponsor: Rep. McClure		
H2054: RETIREMENT; ASRS; LEVEL INCOME ALTERNATIVE	The time period in which a member of the Arizona State Retirement System may rescind the member's election of a reduced retirement benefit is shortened from 6 months to 5 months after the member's date of retirement.	First sponsor: Rep. McClure		
H2055: ASRS; EMPLOYER TERMINATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM	Shortens the amount of time in which an employer must remit payment to ASRS if the employer implements a termination incentive that results in an actuarial unfunded liability from 90 days to 60 days.	First sponsor: Rep. McClure		
S1060: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; INTERVIEWS	If an employer interviews a law enforcement or probation officer and the officer reasonably believes (formerly, based on the employer's reasonable belief) the interview could result in dismissal, demotion or suspension, the officer must be provided with written notice and may request to have a representative present. If an officer proves the rights were violated, the fact of the interview and any evidence obtained therein is not admissible in the administrative appeals hearing.	First sponsor: Sen. Waring		

LEGEND

- Commission Direction – The Game and Fish Commission has given direction to the Department on these bills OR the department would like to address the commission about these bills.
- Oppose – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to oppose these bills.
- Support – The Game and Fish Commission has voted to support these bills.

AMEND C&P Constitutional and Proper as Amended by the House Rules Committee

APPROP Appropriations Committee

AGFD Arizona Game and Fish Department

C&P Constitutional and Proper

COW Committee of the Whole

DP Do Pass

DPA Do Pass as Amended

GF General Fund

GOV Government Committee

GR Government and Retirement Committee

H House Bill

HCR House Concurrent Resolution

HHR House Hearing Room

Hse. House of Representatives

JUD Judiciary Committee

PFC Proper for Consideration

PFCA Proper for Consideration as Amended by the Senate Rules Committee
S Senate Bill
S/E Strike Everything Amendment
Sen. Senate
SHR Senate Hearing Room
WM Ways and Means Committee

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